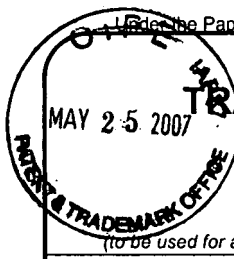


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### ASSIGNMENT BY INVENTORS

**THIS ASSIGNMENT**, made on the dates indicated below, by Raimund Strobel; Kurt Hohe; Kai Lemke; Dieter Grafl; Dominique Tasch; and Markus Lemm (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at Gartenstr. 15, 89077 Ulm, GERMANY; Dahlienweg 17, 89219 Langenau, GERMANY; Heckenbuhl 96, D-89075 Ulm, GERMANY; Maienweg 164, 89081 Ulm, GERMANY; Kuferweg 7, 89233 Neu-Ulm, GERMANY; and Joseph-Haydn-Weg 6, 89134 Blaustein, GERMANY, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in **BIPOLAR PLATE**, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, already filed on July 20, 2004, as U.S. application No. 10/502,039; and

**WHEREAS**, REINZ-Dichtungs-GmbH, having its principal place of business at Reinzstrasse 3-7, 89233 Neu-Ulm, GERMANY (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefore and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or

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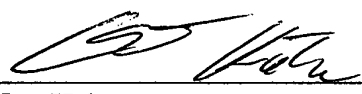
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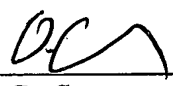
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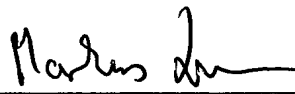
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